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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JUNE 8, 1998

APPLICATION OF

BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC980073

To implement extended local
service from its Falls Church/McLean
zone of the Washington Metropolitan
Exchange Area to GTE South's Arcola
Exchange

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE

On May 12, 1998, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia. BA-VA proposed to notify its subscribers of the Falls Church/McLean zone of the Washington Metropolitan Exchange Area (the "Falls Church/McLean zone") of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to extend their local service to include GTE South's Arcola exchange. The application states that telephone subscribers in GTE South's Arcola exchange had earlier petitioned the Commission for local calling to Falls Church/McLean. Using a cost study prepared by GTE South, the Commission determined the increase in monthly rates that would result from the expansion of the Arcola local service area to include Falls Church/McLean. Subscribers in the Arcola exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay

higher rates for local calling to Falls Church/McLean. The majority of those responding supported the proposal.

Cost studies have been conducted to determine the monthly rates for expanded local service from Falls Church/McLean to the Arcola exchange. Because the resulting increase does not exceed 5% of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate for Falls Church/McLean subscribers, a poll of those subscribers is not required by § 56-484.2.

NOW, having considered BA-VA's application, BA-VA's proposed public notice, and applicable law, the Commission is of the opinion that this matter should be docketed; that BA-VA should give notice to its customers in the Falls Church/McLean zone of this application; and those subscribers should be permitted to file comments and requests for hearing on this application. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC980073.

(2) On or before August 14, 1998, BA-VA customers who may be affected by this proposal may file with the Clerk of the Commission written comments or requests for hearing about this application. Any corporation shall be represented by counsel in accordance with Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of any comment or request for hearing on or before that deadline.

Individuals may file single copies. All comments or requests for hearing shall be filed with William J. Bridge, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218; and shall refer to Case No. PUC980075.

(3) A copy of this order and the application shall be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(4) On or before July 15, 1998, BA-VA shall publish the following notice in the Falls Church/McLean zone of the Washington Metropolitan Exchange Area twice as display advertising (not classified advertising) in newspapers of general circulation in that zone.

NOTICE THAT BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.
PROPOSES TO EXPAND THE LOCAL SERVICE
AREA OF THE FALLS CHURCH/MCLEAN ZONE OF
THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN EXCHANGE AREA
TO INCLUDE GTE SOUTH'S ARCOLA EXCHANGE
CASE NO. PUC980073

Telephone subscribers in GTE South's Arcola exchange petitioned the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for local calling to the Falls Church/McLean zone. Subscribers in the Arcola exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay an increase in monthly rates for local calling to the Falls Church/McLean zone. The majority of those customers responding in the Arcola exchange supported this expansion of local service.

Based on BA-VA's costs, the Commission determined the monthly rates for expanded local service for Falls Church/McLean customers to call the Arcola exchange (telephone numbers beginning with 703-327). For expanded local calling to Arcola from Falls Church/McLean, monthly rates would increase as follows: flat rate residential service, \$0.01; residential message rate service, \$0.01; residential measured rate service, \$0.00; residential economy message service, \$0.00; residential economy measured service, \$0.00; residential exchange only service, \$0.00; business message rate lines or trunks, \$0.01; and business measured rate lines or trunks, \$0.00.

Customers whose rates are not listed above or who desire more information on this proposed change should contact BA-VA's customer service center. Residential customers should call 954-6222 and businesses should call 954-6888. Copies of BA-VA's application may be reviewed at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Customers wishing to comment on the proposed change to their local calling area or to request a hearing on the application may do so by filing such requests or comments in writing, referring to Case No. PUC980073, with the Clerk of the Commission, William J. Bridge, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, on or before August 14, 1998.

If the Commission receives objections or requests for hearing from the lesser of 5% or 150 of the Falls Church/McLean customers, it may consider BA-VA's application without a hearing.

BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

(5) On or before August 14, 1998, BA-VA provide proof of the notice required above.

(6) If the Commission receives objections or requests for hearing from the lesser of 5% or 150 of the Falls Church/McLean zone customers, it may consider BA-VA's application without a hearing.

(7) On or before September 4, 1998, the Division of Communications shall file a report with the Commission on the number of objections to the proposal.